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Applicant: Ronald W. Barber and William B. McGrane

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BY MASTER CONTROLLERS IN A CONTROL SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Included herewith is a Request for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee sufficient to extend the time for response deadline up to and including **December 23, 2003**. If this is incorrect, please debit or credit any fees other than an Issue Fee from/to our Deposit Account No.: 07-0153.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.